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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Military Activity at St. Poelten Including Camp Spratzern and Melk.2. Indication on the Evacuation of Soviet Troops.

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 4 August 1955, the following motor vehicles driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht on Schiesstattring at St. Poelten:

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with rod antenna.

Soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets were seen near Eugen Kaserne, in the yard of which 3 trucks, 2 amphibious jeeps and one pontoon truck were parked. Six 85-mm AA guns were observed under lean-to-roofs of Rainer Kaserne. A total of 16 trucks, 3 van-like trucks and 2 tank trucks were seen in those garages of the installation where the doors were open. Individual Soviet civilians and military patrols led by Soviet officers were seen in the town. There was no change in the status of Camp Spratzern. Motor vehicles seen at the latter installation included:

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Trucks

with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets

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2. On 5 August, officers who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets, Soviet civilians, and Jeeps [redacted] both driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen near the Bischof Kaserne at Melk. Soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were seen at drill in the billeting area of the installation. Two 85-mm AT guns, two 57-mm AT guns and trucks [redacted] were also seen in the yard of the installation. 25X1
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3. On 29 July, an Austrian doctor who spoke Russian was told by a Soviet officer stationed at St. Poelten that the Soviet troops withdrawn from Austria would be demobilized in the USSR and subsequently sent to a camp for retraining. At Doellersheim, the dependents of Soviet soldiers had to turn in all articles bought in Austria. 25X1
4. In June and July, Soviet women at Bruck on the Leitha river sold items of furniture and bicycles to the Austrian population, because [redacted] they were not allowed to take these things with them to the USSR. 25X1
1. Comment. This information tends to indicate that the units of the 95th Gds Motor Rifle Div were still at St. Poelten and that there was no change in their status. All the motor vehicles mentioned belonged to this division. 25X1
2. Comment. It appears that the 233d Gun Howitzer Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Motor Rifle Div was still stationed at Melk during the reported period. 25X1

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